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Supplemental Fishing Regulations

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Fishing regulation booklets. NOTE: This
supplement does not contain a complete
set of fishing regulations. Refer to your
copy of the 2011-2012 Freshwater and/or
Ocean Sport Fishing regulation booklet
for regulations not included here.*

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It is Unlawful to do the Following:

- Use a sport fishing license that is not completely filled out. (CCR T-14, Section 705)
- Transfer any license, tag, stamp, permit, application or reservation to another person. (FGC, Section 1052)
- Use or possess any license, tag, stamp, permit, application or reservation or that was not lawfully issued to the user. (FGC, Section 1052)
- Alter, mutilate, deface, duplicate or counterfeit any license, tag, stamp, permit, application or reservation. (FGC, Section 1052)
- Fail to exhibit on demand all licenses, tags, stamps, permits, applications or reservations to any peace officer or authorized Department employee. (FGC, Section 2012)
- Fish without the required report card on a free fishing day. (CCR T-14, Section 1.74)
- Disturb the legal traps of another person. (FGC, Section 9002)
- Sell fish taken under the authority of a sport fishing license. (FGC, Section 7121)
- Cause the deterioration of or waste of fish or game. (CCR T-14, Section 1.87)
- Use explosives in state waters inhabited by fish. (FGC, Section 5500)
- Not to allow the inspection, by a warden, of any boat, market, or receptacle, where fish or wildlife may be found. (FGC, Section 1006)
- Litter into or within 150 feet of state waters. (FGC, Section 5652)
- Possess fish in a condition that the size or species cannot be determined. (FGC, Sections 5508 and 5509)
- Use or possess any net in state waters except as is authorized. (FGC, Section 8603)
- Possess fish or wildlife taken unlawfully. (FGC, Section 2002)
- Take fish or wildlife in violation of any section of law. (FGC, Section 2000)

Inland Salmon Informational Note:

All Central Valley anadromous waters that are listed as "closed to salmon fishing" and "no take or possession of salmon" in the district or special regulations are also closed to any catch and release fishing that results in hooking or attempting to hook a salmon.

As a reminder, Section 1.80 defines take as "Hunt, pursue, catch, capture or kill fish, amphibians, reptiles, mollusks, crustaceans or invertebrates or attempting to do so."

There will be no allowance for any catch and release fishing that targets salmon when the river or stream is closed to salmon fishing.

Freshwater Fishing Regulations Update

Shaded areas in this section denote changes in the freshwater fishing regulations that have occurred since the publication of the 2010-2011 Freshwater Sport Fishing regulations booklet.

Central Valley and Sierra Regulations

effective June 16, 2011

Subsection (b)(1), Section 7.00, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

<i>Body of Water</i>	<i>Open Season and Special Regulations</i>	<i>Daily Bag and Possession Limit</i>
(b) Sierra District		
(1) Anadromous waters of Tehama and Shasta counties not listed in the Special Regulations. (Section 7.50). (See subsections (b)(156) and (b)(156.5) of Section 7.50, regarding the Sacramento River.)	Last Saturday in Apr. through Nov. 15. Only artificial lures and barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout or steelhead Closed to salmon fishing. No take or possession of salmon.

Subsections (b)(5), (b)(68), (b)(156) and (b)(156.5), Section 7.50, Title 14, CCR, are amended to read:

<i>Body of Water</i>	<i>Open Season and Special Regulations</i>	<i>Daily Bag and Possession Limit</i>
(5) American River (Sacramento Co.)		
(A) From Nimbus Dam to the Hazel Avenue bridge piers.	Jan. 1 through July 15.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession Closed to salmon fishing. No take or possession of salmon.
	July 16 through Dec. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession 2 Chinook salmon
(B) From Hazel Avenue bridge piers to the U.S. Geological Survey gauging station cable crossing about 300 yards downstream from the Nimbus Hatchery fish rack site.	Jan. 1 through July 15. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession Closed to salmon fishing. No take or possession of salmon.
	July 16 through Sept. 14. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession 2 Chinook salmon

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<i>Body of Water</i>	<i>Open Season and Special Regulations</i>	<i>Daily Bag and Possession Limit</i>
(C) From the U.S. Geological Survey gauging station cable crossing about 300 yards downstream from the Nimbus Hatchery fish rack site to the SMUD power line crossing at the southwest boundary of Ancil Hoffman Park.	Jan. 1 through July 15. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession Closed to salmon fishing. No take or possession of salmon.
	July 16 through Oct. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession 2 Chinook salmon
(D) From the SMUD power line crossing at the southwest boundary of Ancil Hoffman Park downstream to the Jibboom Street bridge.	Jan. 1 through July 15.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession Closed to salmon fishing. No take or possession of salmon.
	July 16 through Dec. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession 2 Chinook salmon
(E) From the Jibboom Street bridge to the mouth.	Jan. 1 through July 15.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession Closed to salmon fishing. No take or possession of salmon.
	July 16 through Dec. 11.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession 2 Chinook salmon
	Dec. 12 through Dec. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession Closed to salmon fishing. No take or possession of salmon.
(68) Feather River below Oroville Dam (Butte, Sutter and Yuba Cos.).		
(A) From Fish Barrier Dam to Table Mountain bicycle bridge in Oroville.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(B) From Table Mountain bicycle bridge to Highway 70 bridge.	Jan. 1 through July 15. Only barbless hooks may be used.	1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** Closed to salmon fishing. No take or possession of salmon.
(C) From Highway 70 bridge to 1,000 feet below the Thermalito Afterbay Outfall.	All year.	1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** Closed to salmon fishing. No take or possession of salmon.

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<i>Body of Water</i>	<i>Open Season and Special Regulations</i>	<i>Daily Bag and Possession Limit</i>
(D) From 1,000 feet below the Thermalito Afterbay Outfall to the mouth. For purposes of this regulation, the lower boundary is defined as a straight line drawn from the peninsula point on the west bank to the Verona Marine boat ramp.	Jan. 1 through July 15.	1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** Closed to salmon fishing. No take or possession of salmon.
	July 16 through Dec 11.	1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 2 Chinook salmon
	Dec. 12 through Dec. 31.	1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** Closed to salmon fishing. No take or possession of salmon.

(156) Sacramento River and tributaries above Keswick Dam (Shasta and Siskiyou Cos.).
Also see Sierra District General Regulations (See Section 7.00(b)).

(A) Sacramento River and tributaries from Box Canyon Dam downstream to the Scarlett Way bridge in Dunsmuir.	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0
(B) Sacramento River and tributaries excluding Soda Creek from Scarlett Way bridge downstream to the county bridge at Sweetbriar (See Soda Creek 7.50(b)(180.5)).	Last Saturday in Apr. through Nov. 15.	5 per day 10 in possession
(C) Sacramento River mainstem (excluding all tributaries) from the Scarlett Way bridge downstream to the county bridge at Sweetbriar.	Nov. 16 through the Friday preceding the last Saturday in Apr. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0
(D) Sacramento River and tributaries excluding Castle Creek from the county bridge at Sweetbriar downstream to Shasta Lake (See Castle Creek 7.50(b)(39.3)).	Last Saturday in Apr. through Nov. 15. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2
(E) Sacramento River mainstem (excluding all tributaries) from the county bridge at Sweetbriar downstream to Shasta Lake.	Nov. 16 through the Friday preceding the last Saturday in Apr. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0

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<i>Body of Water</i>	<i>Open Season and Special Regulations</i>	<i>Daily Bag and Possession Limit</i>
(156.5) Sacramento River and tributaries below Keswick Dam (Butte, Colusa, Contra Costa, Glenn, Sacramento, Solano, Sutter, Tehama and Yolo Cos.). Also see Sierra District General Regulations (See Section 7.00(b)).		
(A) Sacramento River from Keswick Dam to 650 feet below Keswick Dam.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(B) Sacramento River from 650 feet below Keswick Dam to the Deschutes Road bridge.	All year. Trout maximum size limit: 16 inches total length. Only barbless hooks may be used.	1 trout Closed to salmon fishing. No take or possession of salmon.
(C) Sacramento River from the Deschutes Road Bridge to 500 feet upstream from Red Bluff Diversion Dam.	Jan. 1 through Mar. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession Closed to salmon fishing. No take or possession of salmon.
	Apr. 1 through July 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession and 1 wild trout ** Closed to salmon fishing. No take or possession of salmon.
	Aug. 1 through Aug 30.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead in possession and 1 wild trout** 2 Chinook salmon
	Aug. 31 through Dec. 18	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession 2 Chinook salmon
	Dec. 19 through Dec. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession Closed to salmon fishing. No take or possession of salmon.
(D) Sacramento River from 500 feet upstream from Red Bluff Diversion Dam to 150 feet below the Lower Red Bluff (Sycamore) Boat Ramp.	Closed to all fishing all year.	

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<i>Body of Water</i>	<i>Open Season and Special Regulations</i>	<i>Daily Bag and Possession Limit</i>
(E) Sacramento River from 150 feet below the Lower Red Bluff (Sycamore) Boat Ramp to the Hwy 113 bridge near Knights Landing.	Jan. 1 through July 15.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession Closed to salmon fishing. No take or possession of salmon.
	July 16 through Dec. 18.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession 2 Chinook salmon
	Dec. 19 through Dec. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession Closed to salmon fishing. No take or possession of salmon.
(F) Sacramento River from the Hwy 113 bridge near Knights Landing to the Carquinez Bridge (includes Suisun Bay, Grizzly Bay and all tributary sloughs).	Jan. 1 through July 15.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession Closed to salmon fishing. No take or possession of salmon.
	July 16 through Dec. 11.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession 2 Chinook salmon
	Dec. 12 through Dec 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession Closed to salmon fishing. No take or possession of salmon.

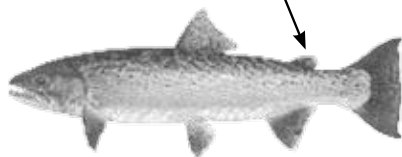
** Hatchery trout or steelhead are those showing a healed adipose fin clip (adipose fin is absent). Unless otherwise provided, all other trout and steelhead must be immediately released. Wild trout or steelhead are those not showing a healed adipose fin clip (adipose fin is present).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION for SALMON FISHERMEN

The Mokelumne River and San Joaquin River will remain closed to salmon fishing for 2011. See the 2011-2012 Freshwater Sport Fishing regulations booklet for regulations for these rivers and their associated delta areas.

How To Distinguish Wild Steelhead From Hatchery Steelhead

Wild steelhead possess an intact adipose fin.



Hatchery steelhead lack an adipose fin, and possess a scar where the fin was clipped



Lower Klamath River Basin Regulations

effective on or before July 24, 2011

Subsection (b)(35.6), Section 7.50, Title 14, CCR, has been added:

<i>Body of Water</i>	<i>Open Season and Special Regulations</i>	<i>Daily Bag and Possession Limit</i>
(b) Sierra District		
(35.6) Canyon Creek upstream of the falls located about four miles north of the wilderness area boundary. (Trinity Co.)	Last Saturday in April through November 15.	2

Subsection (b)(91.1), Section 7.50, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

(91.1) Anadromous Waters of the Klamath River Downstream of Iron Gate Dam (Lower Klamath River Basin). The regulations in this subsection apply only to waters of the Klamath River system which are accessible to anadromous salmonids. They do not apply to waters of the Klamath River which are inaccessible to anadromous salmon and trout, for example, portions of the Klamath River system upstream of Iron Gate Dam, portions of the Trinity River system upstream of Lewiston Dam, and the Shasta River and tributaries upstream of Dwinnel Dam. Fishing in these waters is governed by the General Regulations for non-anadromous waters of the North Coast District (see Section 7.00(a)(5)).

(A) Hook and Weight Restrictions.

1. Only barbless hooks may be used. (For definitions regarding legal hook types, hook gaps and rigging see Chapter 2, Article 1, Section 2.10.)
2. During closures to the take of adult salmon, anglers shall not remove any adult Chinook salmon from the water by any means, such as by dragging the fish on shore or using a net.

(B) General Area Closures.

1. No fishing is allowed within 750 feet of any Department of Fish and Game fish-counting weir.
2. No fishing is allowed from the Ishi

Pishi Falls road bridge upstream to and including Ishi Pishi Falls from August 15 through December 31.

EXCEPTION: members of the Karuk Indian Tribe listed on the current Karuk Tribal Roll may fish at Ishi Pishi Falls using hand-held dip nets.

3. No fishing is allowed from September 15 through December 31 in the Klamath River within 500 feet of the mouths of the Salmon, the Shasta and the Scott rivers.

(C) Klamath River Basin Possession Limits.

1. Trout Possession Limits.
 - a. The brown trout possession limit is 10 brown trout.
 - b. The hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead possession limits are as follows:
 - (i) Klamath River - 1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead.
 - (ii) Trinity River - 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead.
2. Chinook Salmon Possession Limits.
 - a. Klamath River downstream of the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec from January 1 to August 14 and the Trinity River downstream of the Old Lewiston Bridge to the confluence of the South Fork Trinity River from January 1 to August 31.
 - (i) 2 Chinook salmon.
 - b. Klamath River from August 15 to December 31 and Trinity River from

September 1 to December 31.

- (ii) 9 Chinook salmon. No more than 6 Chinook salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained when the take of salmon over 22 inches total length is allowed.

(D) Klamath River Basin Chinook Salmon Quotas.

The Klamath River fall Chinook salmon take is regulated using quotas. Accounting of the tribal and non-tribal harvest is closely monitored from August 15 through December 31 each year. These quota areas are noted in subsection (b)(91.1)

(E) with "Fall Run Quota" in the Open Season and Special Regulations column.

1. Quota for Entire Basin.

The 2011 Klamath River Basin quota is 7,900 Klamath River fall Chinook salmon over 22 inches total length. The department shall inform the commission, and the public via the news media, prior to any implementation of restrictions triggered by the quotas. (NOTE: A department status report on progress toward the quotas for the various river sections is updated weekly, and available at 1-800-564-6479.)

2. Sub Quota Percentages.

a. The sub quota for the Klamath River upstream of the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec and the Trinity River is 50% of the total Klamath River Basin quota.

- (i) The sub quota for the Klamath River from 3,500 feet downstream of the Iron

Gate Dam to the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec is 17% of the total Klamath River Basin quota.

(ii) The sub quota for the Trinity River main stem downstream of the Old Lewiston Bridge to the Highway 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat is 16.5% of the total Klamath River Basin quota

(iii) The sub quota for the Trinity River main stem downstream of the Denny Road bridge at Hawkins Bar to the confluence with the Klamath River is 16.5% of the total Klamath River Basin quota

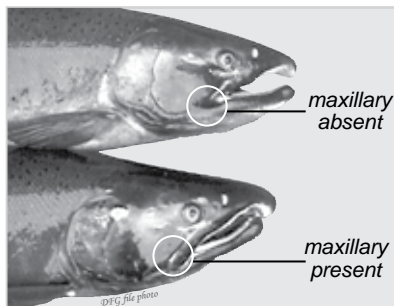
b. The sub quota for the Lower Klamath River downstream of the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec is 50% of the total Klamath River Basin quota.

- (i) The sub quota for the Spit Area (within 100 yards of the channel through the sand spit formed at the Klamath River mouth) is 15% the Lower Klamath River sub quota taken downstream of the Highway 101 bridge. (Note: This provision only applies if the department projects that the total Klamath River Basin quota will be met.)

(E) Klamath River Basin Open Seasons and Bag Limits.

All anadromous waters of the Klamath River Basin are closed to all fishing for all year except those areas listed in the following table. Bag limits are for trout and Chinook salmon in combination unless otherwise specified.

see table, pgs. 10-12



Maxillary or No Maxillary?
Report the Presence or Absence of
Maxillary on Coho Salmon
when fishing the
Klamath-Trinity River System
see Section 5.87(c)

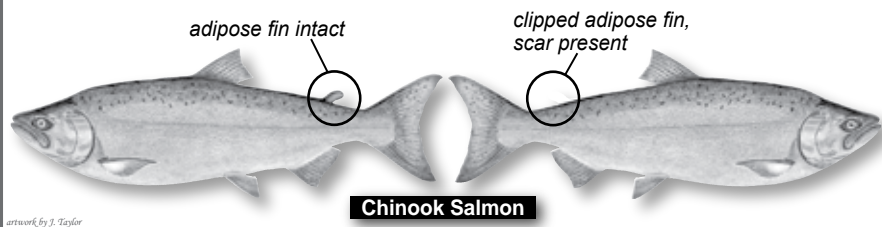
<i>Body of Water</i>	<i>Open Season and Special Regulations</i>	<i>Daily Bag Limit</i>
1. Bogus Creek and tributaries	Fourth Saturday in May through August 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0
2. Klamath River main stem from 3,500 feet downstream of Iron Gate Dam to mouth.		
a. Klamath River from 3,500 feet downstream of the Iron Gate Dam to the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec.	January 1 to August 14.	0 Chinook salmon 1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota 1,343 Chinook salmon August 15 to December 31, 2011.	3 Chinook salmon - only 2 fish over 22 inches total length until sub-quota is met, then 0 fish over 22 inches total length. 1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota Exception: Chinook salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained from 3,500 feet downstream of Iron Gate Dam to the Interstate 5 bridge when the department determines that the adult fall-run Chinook salmon spawning escapement at Iron Gate Hatchery exceeds 8,000 fish. Daily bag and possession limits specified for fall-run Chinook salmon apply during this exception.	
b. Klamath River downstream of the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec.	January 1 to August 14.	2 Chinook salmon 1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota 3,950 Chinook salmon August 15 to December 31, 2011.	3 Chinook salmon - only 2 fish over 22 inches total length until sub-quota is met, then 0 fish over 22 inches total length. 1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota Exception: Spit Area (within 100 yards of the channel through the sand spit formed at the Klamath River mouth). This area will be closed to all fishing after 15% of the Lower Klamath River sub-quota has been met.	
3. Salmon River main stem, main stem of North Fork downstream of Sawyer's Bar bridge, and main stem of South Fork downstream of the confluence of the East Fork of the South Fork.	November 1 through February 28.	0
4. Scott River main stem downstream of the Fort Jones-Greenview bridge to the confluence with the Klamath River.	Fourth Saturday in May through February 28.	0

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<i>Body of Water</i>	<i>Open Season and Special Regulations</i>	<i>Daily Bag Limit</i>
5. Shasta River main stem downstream of the Interstate 5 bridge north of Yreka to the confluence with the Klamath River.	Fourth Saturday in May through August 31 and November 16 through February 28.	0
6. Trinity River and tributaries.		
a. Trinity River main stem from 250 feet downstream of Lewiston Dam to the Old Lewiston Bridge.	April 1 through September 15. Only artificial flies with barbless hooks may be used.	0
b. Trinity River main stem downstream of the Old Lewiston Bridge to the Highway 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat.	January 1 to August 31.	2 Chinook salmon 5 brown trout 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota 1,304 Chinook salmon September 1 through December 31, 2011.	3 Chinook salmon - only 2 fish over 22 inches total length until sub-quota is met, then 0 fish over 22 inches total length. 5 brown trout 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota Exception: Chinook salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained downstream of the Old Lewiston bridge to the mouth of Indian Creek when the department determines that the adult fall-run Chinook salmon spawning escapement at Trinity River Hatchery exceeds 4,800 fish. Daily bag and possession limits specified for fall-run Chinook salmon apply during this exception.	
c. Trinity River main stem downstream of the Highway 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat to the Denny Road bridge at Hawkins Bar.	January 1 through August 31.	2 Chinook salmon 5 brown trout 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	September 1 through December 31.	Closed to all fishing.
d. New River main stem downstream of the confluence of the East Fork to the confluence with the Trinity River.	September 15 through November 15. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0
e. Trinity River main stem downstream of the Denny Road bridge at Hawkins Bar to the mouth of the South Fork Trinity River.	January 1 to August 31.	2 Chinook salmon 5 brown trout 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota 1,303 Chinook salmon September 1 through December 31, 2011. This is the cumulative quota for subsections 6.e. and 6.f. of this table.	3 Chinook salmon - only 2 fish over 22 inches total length until sub-quota is met, then 0 fish over 22 inches total length. 5 brown trout 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**

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<i>Body of Water</i>	<i>Open Season and Special Regulations</i>	<i>Daily Bag Limit</i>
f. Trinity River main stem downstream of the mouth of the South Fork Trinity River to the confluence with the Klamath River.	January 1 to August 31.	0 Chinook salmon 5 brown trout 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota 1,303 Chinook salmon September 1 through December 31, 2011. This is the cumulative quota for subsections 6.e. and 6.f. of this table.	3 Chinook salmon - only 2 fish over 22 inches total length until sub quota is met, then 0 fish over 22 inches total length. 5 brown trout 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
g. Hayfork Creek main stem downstream of the Highway 3 bridge in Hayfork to the confluence with the South Fork Trinity River.	November 1 through March 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0
h. South Fork Trinity River downstream of the confluence with the East Fork of the South Fork Trinity River to the South Fork Trinity River Bridge at Hyampom.	November 1 through March 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0
i. South Fork Trinity River downstream of the South Fork Trinity River Bridge at Hyampom to the confluence with the Trinity River.	November 1 through March 31.	0 Chinook salmon 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
** Hatchery trout or steelhead are those showing a healed adipose fin clip (adipose fin is absent). Unless otherwise provided, all other trout and steelhead must be immediately released. Wild trout or steelhead are those not showing a healed adipose fin clip (adipose fin is present).		

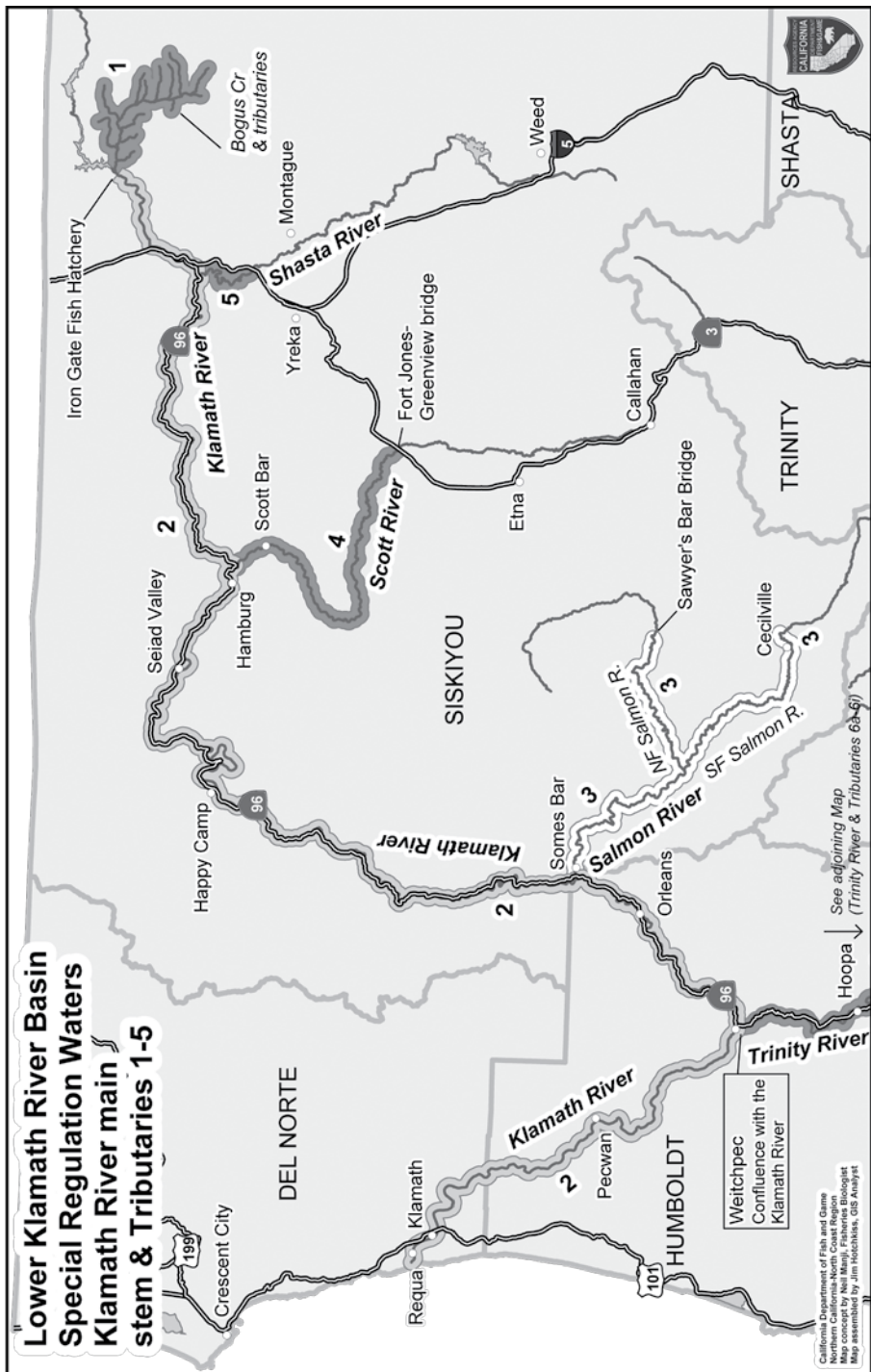


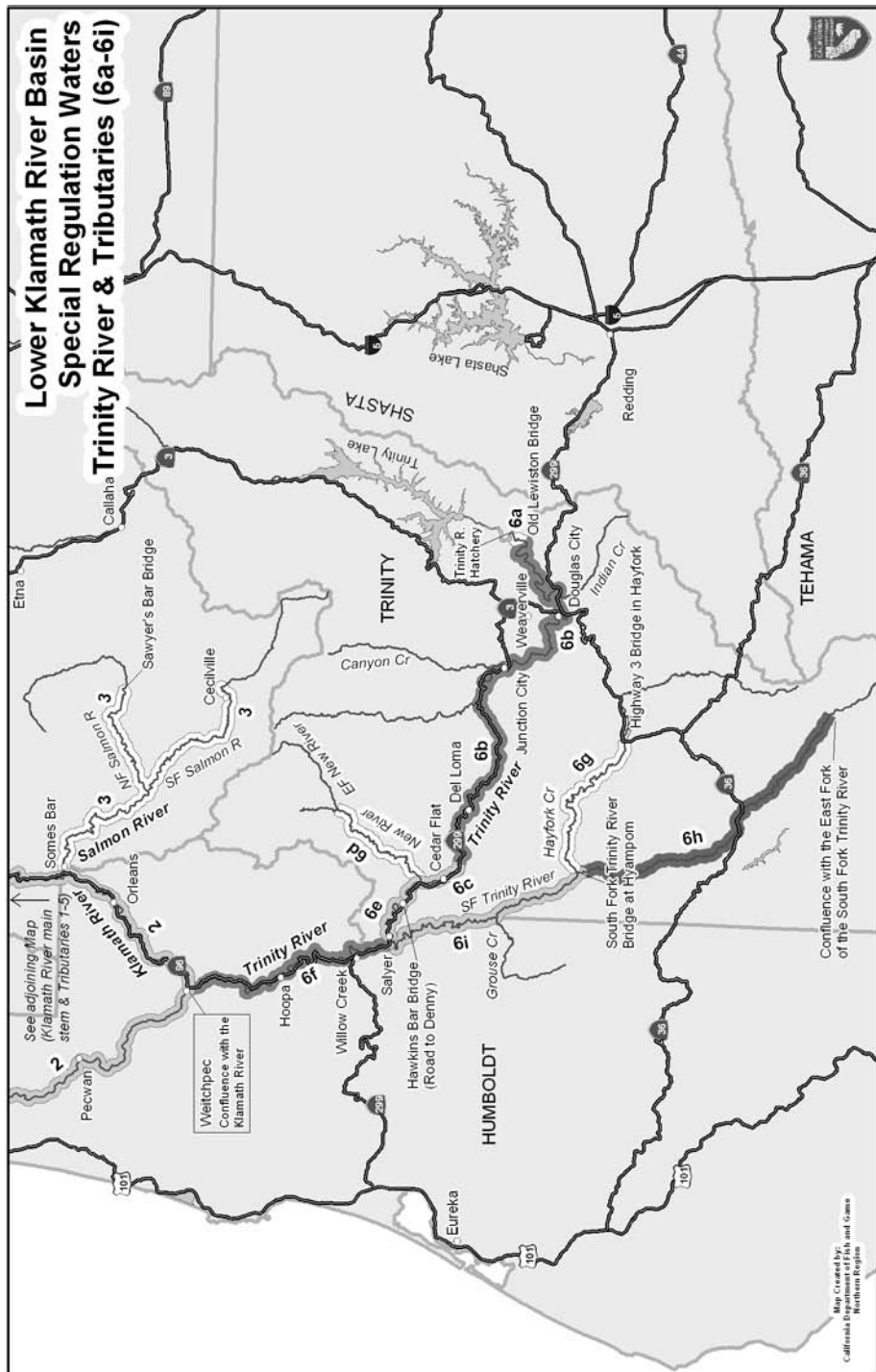
**Report Chinook Salmon With Clipped Adipose Fins
when fishing the Klamath-Trinity River System - see Section 5.87(c)**



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Important Reminder

1.74. Sport Fishing Report Card and Tagging Requirements.

(a) Purpose. These regulations address potential concern for overfishing and a lack of recreational fishing effort and catch information in some or all areas where the fishery operates. Many of these species are of high commercial value, and therefore, additional enforcement mechanisms are needed to improve compliance with existing bag limits and other regulations, and to reduce the potential for poaching.

(b) Species and Location Requirements. Individuals fishing for or taking the following species are subject to report card requirements in the following locations described below:

(1) Salmon, in the Klamath-Trinity River System and Smith River only. The Klamath-Trinity River System and Smith River are defined as the anadromous waters of the Klamath, Trinity, and Smith river basins. Anadromous waters are defined in Section 1.04.(2) Steelhead trout, in all anadromous waters where take is authorized.

(3) White sturgeon, in all areas where take is authorized. Tagging of retained individual sturgeon is also required.

(4) Red abalone, in all areas where take is authorized. Tagging of retained individual abalone is also required.

(5) California spiny lobster, in all areas where take is authorized.

(c) General Report Card Requirements.

(1) Any person fishing for or taking any of the species identified in this Section shall have in their possession a non-transferable report card issued by the department for the particular species. See special exemption regarding possession of report cards for lobster divers in Section 29.91.

(2) Notwithstanding other statutes and regulations that may exempt sport fishing license requirements, non-transferable report cards are required for any

person fishing for or taking the species identified above. All cardholders shall adhere to all reporting and tagging requirements defined in this Section and Sections 5.79, 5.87, 5.88, 27.92, 29.16, and 29.91 regardless of whether a sport fishing license requirement applies. This provision applies to all of the following persons:

(A) Any person who is under 16 years of age

(B) Any person who is fishing from a public pier

(C) Any person who is fishing on free fishing days

(D) Any person who holds a lifetime fishing license

(3) Persons described in subsections 1.74(c)(2) may purchase report cards without purchasing a license.

(4) All entries made on any report card or tag must be legible and in indelible ink.

(5) Entries Required at the Time of Report Card Issuance. At the time of issuance of the report card, the cardholder is responsible for entry of the following information, unless both the report card and the sport fishing license are issued through the Automated License Data System:

(A) The date the report card is issued, the individual's name, street address, city, state, zip code, home phone, and date of birth shall be entered in the appropriate spaces on the report card. If the cardholder has a driver's license, or DMV identification number, this information shall also be entered in the appropriate spaces. If the cardholder has an e-mail address, it may be entered in the space provided.

(B) Acquisition of Sturgeon Fishing Report Cards and Abalone Report Cards. If the cardholder is required to have a sport fishing license, the report card number shall be entered in the

designated space provided on the back of the individual's sport fishing license, and the sport fishing license number shall be entered on the report card in the appropriate space.

(C) Acquisition of North Coast Salmon Report Cards, Steelhead Report and Restoration Cards and Spiny Lobster Report Cards. If the cardholder is required to have a sport fishing license, both the name of the report card and the number shall be entered in the blank area on the back of the individual's sport fishing license, and the sport fishing license number shall be entered on the report card in the appropriate space.

(D) If the cardholder wishes to purchase another fishing license after their one, two, or ten-day sport fishing license has expired the cardholder need not purchase a second report card for any species, so long as the cardholder still possesses the report card valid for the calendar year. At the time of purchase of the subsequent license, the additional sport fishing license number shall be entered in the appropriate space on the report card. If there is a space provided for the particular card on the sport fishing license, the number shall be entered in the appropriate space at the time of purchase. If there is no space provided for the card, both the name of the report card and the number shall be entered on the back of the individual's sport fishing license.

(6) A report card shall be valid only during the open fishing season for the calendar year shown on the report card.

(7) Cardholders shall return their card by January 31 of the following year to the department at the address specified on the card.

(8) Any person who fails to return his or her report card to the Department by the deadline may be restricted from obtaining the same card in a subsequent license year or may be subject to an additional fee for the issuance of the same card in a subsequent license year.

(9) For abalone and sturgeon report cards, only one report card may be issued per person per license year.

(10) Report cards may not be transferred to another person and no person may possess any report card other than their own.

(d) Replacement Procedures for Lost Abalone or Sturgeon Report Cards. For species for which an individual may purchase only one report card per year (i.e., abalone and sturgeon), if the cardholder loses the card, a replacement card shall be acquired only by following the procedures below:

(1) The individual shall provide all of the following to a department license sales office:

(A) A photocopy of the original report card issued in the cardholder's name, unless the report card was issued through the Automated License Data System.

(B) An affidavit, signed under penalty of perjury, containing the following information:

1. A statement confirming that the originally issued report card cannot be recovered.

2. A statement of the cardholder's best recollection of the prior catch records that were entered on the report card that was lost, including the number of tags utilized.

3. A statement describing the factual circumstances surrounding the loss of the card.

(C) Proof of purchase of the original report card, in the form of an itemized receipt, credit card billing statement, invoice, or other written business record expressly documenting that a report card for the particular species was purchased and the corresponding fee was paid. The cardholder is exempt from this requirement if the report card was issued through the Automated License Data System.

(D) Payment of the Replacement Card Fee specified in Section 701(f), 701(g)

or 701(h) Title 14, CCR, established pursuant to subdivision 1053(b) of the Fish and Game Code, and as adjusted pursuant to Sections 713 and 1055 of the Fish and Game Code.

(E) Payment of the Replacement Processing Fee specified in Section 701(i) or 701(j), Title 14, CCR, established pursuant to subdivision 1050(e) of the Fish and Game Code.

(2) Based on the information provided in the written affidavit, the department shall issue only the number of tags that were reported unused on the previously issued report card.

(3) At the time the replacement card is acquired, if the cardholder is required to have a sport fishing license, the number of the replacement card shall be entered in the appropriate space on the sport fishing license and the fishing license number shall be entered in the space provided on the report card.

(4) All regulations applicable to the initial card also apply to additional cards issued pursuant to this subsection.

(e) Replacement Procedures for Salmon, Steelhead, or Lobster Report Cards.

(1) Any cardholder who fills in all available lines on his or her steelhead, salmon or lobster report card shall return the card to the department at the address specified on the card prior to purchasing a second card.

(2) Any cardholder who loses his or her steelhead, salmon or lobster report card may purchase a second card, but at or before the time of purchase shall provide a written affidavit to the department at the address on the report card documenting the lost catch and effort data required by the card to the best of the cardholder's recollection.

(3) At the time the additional card is acquired, if the cardholder is required to have a sport fishing license, both the name of the report card and the number shall be entered on the back of the individual's sport fishing license, and the fishing license number shall be entered

in the space provided on the report card.

(4) All regulations applicable to the initial card also apply to additional cards issued pursuant to this subsection.

(f) Specific Report Card and Tagging Requirements. Data recording and tagging procedures vary between report cards and species. See specific regulations in Sections 5.79, 5.87, 5.88, 27.92, 29.16, and 29.91 that apply in addition to the regulations of this Section.

5.87. North Coast Salmon Report Card Requirement (FG 684, See Section 701).

(a) Report Card Required in Waters of the Klamath-Trinity River System and the Smith River. All anglers must have a North Coast Salmon Report Card in their possession while fishing for or taking salmon in waters of the Klamath-Trinity River System and the Smith River, and must complete and return the card pursuant to regulations in this Section and in Section 1.74.

(b) Prior to beginning fishing activity, the cardholder shall record the month, day, and fishing location on the first available line on the report card.

(c) For the Klamath-Trinity River System: Whenever the cardholder lands (either retains or releases) a Chinook salmon, the angler shall immediately record whether the fish was an adult or a jack, and whether the fish has an adipose fin present. Whenever the cardholder releases a Coho salmon, the angler shall immediately record whether the maxillary is present or absent.

(d) For the Smith River: Whenever the cardholder lands (either retains or releases) a Chinook salmon, the angler shall immediately record whether the fish was an adult or a jack, and whether the fish has an adipose fin or left ventral fin present.

(e) Whenever the cardholder moves to another fishing location, the angler shall record the month, day, and location on the next line on the report card.

(f) In the Klamath-Trinity River System

and Smith River, a jack Chinook salmon is defined as any Chinook salmon that is less than 22 inches total length.

(g) In the event an angler fills in all lines and returns a North Coast Salmon Report Card, an additional card may be purchased. See Section 1.74.

(h) The annual fee for the North Coast Salmon Report Card is specified in Section 701, Title 14, CCR

5.88. Steelhead Report and Restoration Card Requirements for Inland Waters (FG 682, See Section 701).

(a) Steelhead Fishing Report and Restoration Card Required. All anglers must have a Steelhead Fishing Report and Restoration Card in their possession while fishing for or taking steelhead in anadromous waters, as defined in Section 1.04. Anglers must complete and return the card pursuant to regulations in this Section and in Section 1.74. For purposes of these regulations, a steelhead trout is defined as any rainbow trout greater than 16 inches

in length found in anadromous waters.

(b) Prior to beginning fishing activity, the cardholder must record the month, day, and location code on the first available line on the report card.

(c) When a steelhead is retained, the cardholder must immediately fill in a circle indicating whether the fish is a wild fish or a hatchery fish.

(d) When the cardholder moves to another location code, or finishes fishing for the day, the angler must immediately record on the card the number of wild and hatchery fish that were released from that location and the number of hours fished for steelhead to the nearest hour.

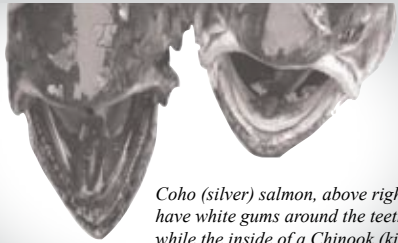
(e) In the event an angler fills in all lines and returns a Steelhead Fishing Report and Restoration Card, an additional card may be purchased. See Section 1.74.

(f) The annual fee for the Steelhead Fishing Report and Restoration Card is specified in Section 7380 of the Fish and Game Code.

SPORT FISHING SPECIAL ALERT FOR CALIFORNIA OCEAN SALMON FISHERIES

The California coastal coho (silver) salmon has been designated as an endangered species under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). It is unlawful to fish for, capture, keep, or possess under any circumstances a California coastal coho salmon. Violation of the ESA may result in civil or criminal penalties.

Large numbers of coho salmon have been caught in California's ocean waters. Although it is likely that most of these salmon originated from hatcheries in the Columbia River basin, some of the fish are California coastal coho salmon which are protected under the ESA. Thus, the retention of



*Coho (silver) salmon, above right, have white gums around the teeth, while the inside of a Chinook (king) salmon's mouth is all dark.
photo by CDFG Warden Bob Aldrich*

any coho salmon is **PROHIBITED** in all California ocean fisheries. Please take the time to correctly identify each salmon caught before removing it from the water.

TO AVOID CONTACT WITH COHO SALMON:

- **Fish near shore** for chinook— coho are usually more offshore.
- **Use larger lures** that select for large chinook and reduce the coho catch.

Ocean Fishing Regulations Update

Shaded areas in this section denote changes in the ocean fishing regulations that have occurred since the publication of the 2010-2011 Ocean Sport Fishing regulations booklet.

Effective May 11, 2011, Section 27.80 Salmon, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

Section 27.80 Salmon.

(a) Methods of take:

(1) General Provisions. Only by angling as defined in Section 1.05. No sinkers or weights exceeding four pounds may be used, except that a fishing line may be attached to a sinker or weight of any size if such sinker or weight is suspended by a separate line and the fishing line is released automatically by a mechanical device from the sinker or weight when any fish is hooked. See sections 28.65 and 28.70.

(2) Barbless Hooks. No more than two (2) single point, single shank barbless hooks shall be used in the ocean north of Point Conception (34° 27' 00" N. lat.) when salmon fishing or fishing from any boat or floating device with salmon on board.

(3) Other Hook Restrictions. When fishing with bait in the ocean between Horse Mountain (40° 05' 00" N. lat.) and Point Conception, if angling by any means other than trolling, then no more than two (2) single point, single shank, barbless circle hooks shall be used. The distance between the two hooks must not exceed five inches when measured from the top of the eye of the top hook to the inner base of the curve of the lower hook, and both hooks must be permanently tied in place (hard tied). A circle hook is defined as a hook with a generally circular shape, and a point which turns inwards, pointing directly to the shank at a 90 degree angle. Trolling is defined as angling from a boat or floating device that is making way by means of a source of power, other than drifting by means of the prevailing

water current or weather conditions. See Section 28.65(g).

(4) One Rod Restriction north of Point Conception. Salmon may be taken by angling with no more than one rod in ocean waters north of Point Conception. See Section 28.65(e).

(b) Season:

(1) North of Horse Mountain (40° 05' 00" N. lat.) and Humboldt Bay. All waters of the ocean north of Horse Mountain and in Humboldt Bay are open to salmon fishing from May 14, 2011 through September 5, 2011.

EXCEPTION: The ocean area surrounding the Klamath River mouth bounded on the north by 41° 38' 48" N lat. (approximately 6 nautical miles north of the Klamath River mouth), on the south by 41° 26' 48" N. lat. (approximately 6 nautical miles south of the Klamath River mouth), and extending 3 nautical miles offshore is closed to salmon fishing during August. No salmon may be taken at any time in ocean waters at the mouths of the Smith and Klamath rivers and during August and September at the mouth of the Eel River. See Section 27.75.

(2) Between Horse Mountain and Point Arena (38° 57' 30" N. lat.). All waters of the ocean between Horse Mountain and Point Arena are open to salmon fishing April 2, 2011 through October 30, 2011.

(3) Between Point Arena and Pigeon Point (37° 11' 00" N. lat.). All waters of the ocean between Point Arena and Pigeon Point are open to salmon fishing April 2, 2011 through October 30, 2011.

(4) Between Pigeon Point and Point Sur (36° 18' 00" N. lat.). All waters of the ocean between Pigeon Point and Point Sur are open to salmon fishing April 3, 2011 through September 18, 2011.

(5) South of Point Sur. All waters of the

ocean south of Point Sur are open to salmon fishing April 2, 2011 through September 18, 2011.

(c) Limit:

- (1) Two salmon per day. See subsection (c)(2) below and Section 1.17.
- (2) Statewide Silver (coho) Salmon Re-

strictions: No silver (coho) salmon may be retained.

(d) Minimum size:

- (1) North of Horse Mountain: Twenty-four inches total length.
- (2) South of Horse Mountain: Twenty-four inches total length.

Ocean Salmon Informational Note:

1) The season for ocean waters north of Horse Mountain and in Humboldt Bay will be decided in April 2012 by the Pacific Fishery Management Council and California Fish and Game Commission and the section will be amended pursuant to the regulatory process.

2) Prior to March 2012, inseason action may be taken to open the state ocean waters south of Horse Mountain to the U.S.-Mexico Border in April 2012 pending review of information on 2011 spawning escapements, 2012 abundance forecasts, annual management objectives, or other relevant issues.

Attention All Salmon Anglers

Section 8226. Relinquishment of salmon head for recovery of coded-wire tag.

(a) Notwithstanding any measurement requirements under this code, and to implement the Department's salmon tagging program, any person in possession of a salmon with a missing adipose fin (the small fleshy fin on the back of the fish between the back fin and the tail) upon request by an authorized agent or employee of the Department, shall immediately relinquish the head of the salmon to

the state, at no charge, for recovery of any coded-wire tag. The head may be removed by the fish owner or, if removed by the official Department representative, the head shall be removed in a manner to minimize loss of salmon flesh and the salmon shall immediately be returned to the rightful owner.

(b) It is unlawful to intentionally conceal, cull, or release into the waters, a salmon with a missing adipose fin that it is otherwise legal to possess.

Groundfish Regulations

effective June 9, 2011

Subsection (e) of Section 27.20, Groundfish Management Areas, Seasons, Depths, Exceptions, and Fishery Closure/Rule Change Process Described, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

(e) Fishery closure and/or rule change: When the department determines, based on the best available scientific information, that an annual harvest limit [optimum

yield (OY), annual catch limit (ACL), annual catch target (ACT), recreational harvest guideline, or recreational harvest target] established in regulation by the NOAA Fisheries (National Marine Fisheries Service) for any species of federally-managed groundfish or aggregate group of federal groundfish species has been exceeded or is projected to be exceeded

Note: Some Groundfish Management Areas have been combined or renamed:

Northern Groundfish Management Area (California/Oregon border to near Cape Mendocino): *No changes - same name and boundaries as in 2010*

Mendocino Groundfish Management Area (near Cape Mendocino to Point Arena): *Previously known as the North-Central North of Point Arena Groundfish Management Area. The name has changed, but the boundaries remain the same.*

San Francisco Groundfish Management Area (Point Arena to Pigeon Point): *Previously known as the North-Central South of Point Arena Groundfish Management Area. The name has changed, but the boundaries remain the same.*

Central Groundfish Management Area (Pigeon Point to Point Conception): *Both the name and boundaries have changed. This new Area combines the Monterey South-Central Groundfish Management Area and the Morro Bay South-Central Groundfish Management Area.*

Southern Groundfish Management Area (Point Conception to U.S./Mexico border): *No changes - same name and boundaries as in 2010*

Cowcod Conservation Areas (offshore Southern California): *No changes - same name and boundaries as in 2010*

prior to the end of the year or that catches are less than predicted, the following rule changes may occur:

(1) The department may modify the seasons and/or depth constraints for any species of federally-managed groundfish or aggregate group of federal groundfish species, California sheephead, ocean whitefish, and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*. Season and/or depth modifications may differ by Groundfish Management Area, mode of fishing, or gear utilized.

(2) The department may adjust existing bag or sub-bag limits or establish additional bag or sub-bag limits as needed for any species of federally-managed groundfish or aggregate group of federal groundfish species, California sheephead, ocean whitefish, and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*. Bag limits may differ by Groundfish Management Area, time of year, mode of fishing, or gear utilized.

(3) The department may adjust existing size limits or establish additional size limits as needed for any species of federally-managed groundfish or aggregate group of federal groundfish species, California sheephead, ocean whitefish, and

all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*. Size limits may differ by Groundfish Management Area, time of year, mode of fishing, or gear utilized.

Section 27.25. Northern Groundfish Management Area, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

This Section applies to take and possession of all 90 species of federally-managed groundfish, California sheephead, ocean whitefish, and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos* in the Northern Groundfish Management Area. Federal groundfish include, but are not limited to, rockfish, cabezon, lingcod, California scorpionfish, kelp greenling, and some species of sharks, skates and flatfish. For specific definitions, applicability, and procedures, see sections 1.91 and 27.20. For size limits, possession limits, and other regulations that apply to individual species, see specific sections beginning with Section 27.60.

(a) The Northern Groundfish Management Area means ocean waters between 42° 00' N. lat. (the Oregon/California border) and 40° 10' N. lat. (near Cape Mendocino, Humboldt County).

(b) Seasons and depth constraints (except as provided in (c) below):

- (1) January 1 through the Friday preceding the second Saturday in May: Closed.
 - (2) From the second Saturday in May through October 31: Open for all species only in waters shallower than 20 fathoms in depth as described by general depth contour lines.
 - (3) November 1 through December 31: Closed.
- (c) Special exceptions to subsection (b) above:
- (1) "Other Flatfish" as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(10), which include Pacific sanddabs, may be taken or possessed in all depths year-round.
 - (2) Leopard shark may be taken or possessed in Humboldt Bay year-round.
 - (3) When angling from shore (includes beaches, banks, piers, jetties, breakwaters, docks, and other man-made structures connected to the shore), all species may be taken or possessed year-round. No vessel or watercraft (motorized or non-motorized) may be used to assist in taking or possessing these species while angling from shore under this provision.
 - (4) When diving or spearfishing, as authorized in Section 28.90, all species may be taken or possessed year-round. Except for spearfishing gear, all other types of fishing gear are prohibited to be aboard the vessel or watercraft (motorized or non-motorized) while spearfishing for the purpose of taking or possessing these species under this provision.

Section 27.30. Mendocino Groundfish Management Area, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

This Section applies to take and possession of all 90 species of federally-managed groundfish, California sheephead, ocean whitefish, and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos* in the Mendocino Groundfish Management Area. Federal groundfish include, but are not limited to, rockfish, cabezon, lingcod, California scorpionfish, kelp greenling, and some species of sharks, skates and flatfish. For specific definitions, applicability, and procedures, see sections 1.91 and 27.20. For

size limits, possession limits, and other regulations that apply to individual species, see specific sections beginning with Section 27.60.

- (a) The Mendocino Groundfish Management Area means ocean waters between 40° 10' N. lat. (near Cape Mendocino, Humboldt County) and 38° 57. 50' N. lat. (at Point Arena, Mendocino County).

- (b) Seasons, depth constraints, and special closure areas (except as provided in (c) below):

- (1) January 1 through the Friday preceding the second Saturday in May: Closed.

- (2) From the second Saturday in May through August 15: Open for all species only in waters shallower than 20 fathoms in depth as described by general depth contour lines.

- (3) August 16 through December 31: Closed.

- (c) Special exceptions to subsection (b) above:

- (1) "Other Flatfish" as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(10), which include Pacific sanddabs, may be taken or possessed in all depths year-round.

- (2) When angling from shore (includes beaches, banks, piers, jetties, breakwaters, docks, and other man-made structures connected to the shore), all species may be taken or possessed year-round. No vessel or watercraft (motorized or non-motorized) may be used to assist in taking or possessing these species while angling from shore under this provision.

- (3) When diving or spearfishing, as authorized in Section 28.90, all species may be taken or possessed year-round. Except for spearfishing gear, all other types of fishing gear are prohibited to be aboard the vessel or watercraft (motorized or non-motorized) while spearfishing for the purpose of taking or possessing these species under this provision.

Section 27.35. San Francisco Groundfish Management Area, Title 14, CCR, is renumbered and amended to read:

This Section applies to take and posses-

sion of all 90 species of federally-managed groundfish, California sheephead, ocean whitefish, and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos* in the **San Francisco** Groundfish Management Area. Federal groundfish include, but are not limited to, rockfish, cabezon, lingcod, California scorpionfish, kelp greenling, and some species of sharks, skates and flatfish. For specific definitions, applicability, and procedures, see sections 1.91 and 27.20. For size limits, possession limits, and other regulations that apply to individual species, see specific sections beginning with Section 27.60.

(a) The **San Francisco** Groundfish Management Area means ocean waters between 38° 57. 50' N. lat. (at Point Arena, Mendocino County) and 37° 11' N. lat. (at Pigeon Point, San Mateo County).

(b) Seasons, depth constraints, and special closure areas (except as provided in (c) below):

(1) January 1 through **June 8, 2011**: Closed. Beginning in 2012, January 1 through May 31: Closed.

(2) **June 9, 2011 through December 31, 2011**: Open for all species only in waters shoreward of lines approximating the 30-fathom depth contour, defined by connecting the set of 30-fathom waypoints adopted in Federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G). Beginning in 2012, **June 1 through December 31**: Open for all species only in waters shoreward of lines approximating the 30-fathom depth contour, defined by connecting the set of 30-fathom waypoints adopted in Federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G).

(3) **Cordell Bank Closure Area**: Waters of the Cordell Bank (off Marin County) shallower than 100 fathoms in depth as approximated by the 100-fathom depth contour that is defined by connecting the set of 100-fathom waypoints adopted in Federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G), are closed to fishing for these species at all times. Special exceptions provided for "other flatfish" in subsection (c)(1) below apply in this

closure area. Special exceptions provided for shore-based angling in subsection (c)(3) and spearfishing/diving in subsection (c)(4) below do not apply in this closure area.

(c) Special exceptions to subsection (b) above:

(1) "Other Flatfish" as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(10), which include Pacific sanddabs, may be taken or possessed in all depths year-round.

(2) Leopard shark may be taken or possessed in Drake's Estero Bay, Bolinas Bay, Tomales Bay, Bodega Harbor, and San Francisco Bay year-round.

(3) When angling from shore (includes beaches, banks, piers, jetties, breakwaters, docks, and other man-made structures connected to the shore), **all species** may be taken or possessed **year-round**. No vessel or watercraft (motorized or non-motorized) may be used to assist in taking or possessing these species while angling from shore under this provision.

(4) When diving or spearfishing, as authorized in Section 28.90, **all species** may be taken or possessed **year-round**. Except for spearfishing gear, all other types of fishing gear are prohibited to be aboard the vessel or watercraft (motorized or non-motorized) while spearfishing for the purpose of taking or possessing these species under this provision.

Section 27.40. Central Groundfish Management Area, Title 14, CCR, is renumbered and amended to read:

This Section applies to take and possession of all 90 species of federally-managed groundfish, California sheephead, ocean whitefish, and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos* in the **Central** Groundfish Management Area. Federal groundfish include, but are not limited to, rockfish, cabezon, lingcod, California scorpionfish, kelp greenling, and some species of sharks, skates and flatfish. For specific definitions, applicability, and procedures, see sections 1.91 and 27.20. For size limits, possession limits, and other regulations that apply to

individual species, see specific sections beginning with Section 27.60.

(a) The Central Groundfish Management Area means ocean waters between 37° 11' N. lat. (at Pigeon Point, San Mateo County) and 34° 27' N. lat. (at Point Conception, Santa Barbara County).

(b) Seasons and depth constraints (except as provided in (c) below):

(1) January 1 through April 30: Closed.

(2) May 1 through December 31: Open for all species only in waters shoreward of lines approximating the 40-fathom depth contour, defined by connecting the set of 40-fathom waypoints adopted in Federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G).

(c) Special exceptions to subsection (b) above:

(1) "Other Flatfish" as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(10), which include Pacific sanddabs, may be taken or possessed in all depths year-round.

(2) Leopard shark may be taken or possessed in Elkhorn Slough year-round.

(3) When angling from shore (includes beaches, banks, piers, jetties, breakwaters, docks, and other man-made structures connected to the shore), all species may be taken year-round. No vessel or watercraft (motorized or non-

motorized) may be used to assist in taking or possessing these species while angling from shore under this provision.

(4) When diving or spearfishing, as authorized in Section 28.90, all species may be taken or possessed year-round.

Except for spearfishing gear, all other types of fishing gear are prohibited to be aboard the vessel or watercraft (motorized or non-motorized) while spearfishing for the purpose of taking or possessing these species under this provision.

Section 27.45. Southern Groundfish Management Area, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

This Section applies to take and possession of all 90 species of federally-managed groundfish, California sheephead, ocean whitefish, and all greenlings of the genus

Hexagrammos in the Southern Groundfish Management Area. Federal groundfish include, but are not limited to, rockfish, cabezon, lingcod, California scorpionfish, kelp greenling, and some species of sharks, skates and flatfish. For specific definitions, applicability, and procedures, see sections 1.91 and 27.20. For size limits, possession limits, and other regulations that apply to individual species, see specific sections beginning with Section 27.60.

(a) The Southern Groundfish Management Area means ocean waters between 34° 27' N. lat. (at Point Conception, Santa Barbara County) and the U.S.-Mexico border, except for waters of the Cowcod Conservation Areas, which are specified in Section 27.50. The Cowcod Conservation Areas are not part of the Southern Groundfish Management Area.

(b) Seasons and depth constraints (except as provided in (c) below):

(1) January 1 through the last day in February: Closed, except California scorpionfish may be taken or possessed only in waters shoreward of lines approximating the 60-fathom depth contour, defined by connecting the set of 60-fathom waypoints adopted in Federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G).

(2) March 1 through December 31: Open for all species only in waters shoreward of lines approximating the 60-fathom depth contour, defined by connecting the set of 60-fathom waypoints adopted in Federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G).

(c) Special exceptions to subsection (b) above:

(1) "Other Flatfish" as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(10), which include Pacific sanddabs, may be taken or possessed in all depths year-round.

(2) Leopard shark may be taken or possessed in Newport Bay, Alamitos Bay, Mission Bay, and San Diego Bay year-round.

(3) When angling from shore (includes beaches, banks, piers, jetties, breakwaters, docks, and other man-made

structures connected to the shore), all species may be taken or possessed year-round. No vessel or watercraft (motorized or non-motorized) may be used to assist in taking or possessing these species while angling from shore under this provision.

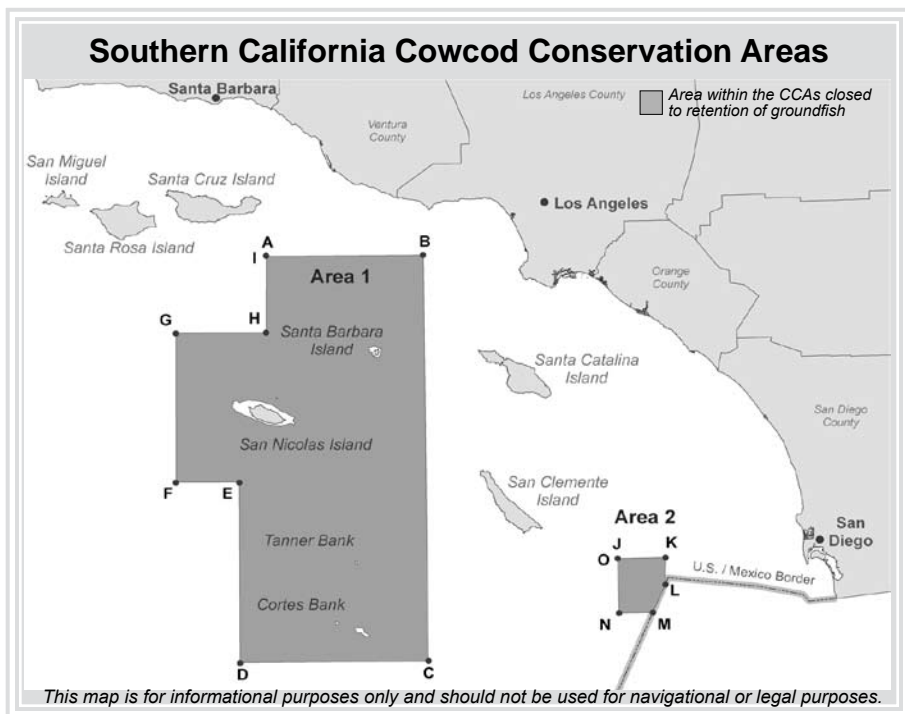
(4) When diving or spearfishing, as authorized in Section 28.90, all species may be taken or possessed year-round. Except for spearfishing gear, all other types of fishing gear are prohibited to be aboard the vessel or watercraft (motorized or non-motorized) while spearfishing for the purpose of taking or possessing these species under this provision.

Section 27.50. Cowcod Conservation Areas, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

This Section applies to take and possession of all 90 species of federally-managed groundfish, California sheephead, ocean whitefish, and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos* in the Cowcod Conservation Areas. The Cowcod Conservation Ar-

reas are special Groundfish Management Areas where sport fishing regulations for these species are designed to minimize interaction with cowcod. Federal groundfish include, but are not limited to, rockfish, cabezon, lingcod, California scorpionfish, kelp greenling, and some species of sharks, skates and flatfish. For specific definitions, applicability, and procedures, see sections 1.91 and 27.20. For size limits, possession limits, and other regulations that apply to individual species, see specific sections beginning with Section 27.60.

(a) The Cowcod Conservation Areas are defined as ocean waters off southern California within each of the following two areas. Area 1 is an area south of Point Conception that is bound by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: [see bracketed points on map] 33° 50' N. lat., 119° 30' W. long.; [A] 33° 50' N. lat., 118° 50' W. long.; [B] 32° 20' N. lat., 118° 50' W. long.; [C] 32° 20' N. lat., 119° 37' W. long.; [D] 33° 00' N. lat., 119° 37' W. long.; [E]



33° 00' N. lat., 119° 53' W. long.; [F]
33° 33' N. lat., 119° 53' W. long.; [G]
33° 33' N. lat., 119° 30' W. long.; [H]
33° 50' N. lat., 119° 30' W. long.; [I] and
Area 2 is a smaller area west of San Di-
ego that is bound by straight lines con-
necting the following points in the order
listed:

32° 42' N. lat., 118° 02' W. long.; [J]
32° 42' N. lat., 117° 50' W. long.; [K]
32° 36' 42" N. lat., 117° 50' W. long.; [L]
32° 30' N. lat., 117° 53' 30" W. long.; [M]
32° 30' N. lat., 118° 02' W. long.; [N]
32° 42' N. lat., 118° 02' W. long. [O]

(b) Seasons and depth constraints (ex-
cept as provided in (c) below):

(1) January 1 through the last day in
February: Closed, except California
scorpionfish may be taken or possessed
only in waters shallower than 20 fath-
oms in depth, as described by general
depth contour lines.

(2) March 1 through December 31: Open
for only the species or species groups
listed in (A) through (G) below, and only
in waters shallower than 20 fathoms in
depth, as described by general depth
contour lines.

(A) Nearshore rockfish, as defined in
subsection 1.91(a)(1)

(B) Cabezon

(C) California scorpionfish

(D) Greenlings of the genus *Hexa-
grammos*

(E) California sheephead

(F) Ocean whitefish

(G) Lingcod

(c) Special exceptions to subsection (b)
above:

(1) "Other Flatfish" as defined in
section 1.91(a)(10), which include Pacific
sanddabs, may be taken or possessed
in all depths year-round.

(2) When angling from shore (includes
beaches, banks, piers, jetties, breakwa-
ters, docks, and other man-made struc-
tures connected to the shore), only the
species identified in (b)(2) above may
be taken or possessed year-round. No
vessel or watercraft (motorized or non-
motorized) may be used to assist in tak-

ing or possessing these species while
angling from shore under this provision.

(3) When diving or spearfishing, as au-
thorized in Section 28.90, only the spe-
cies identified in (b)(2) above may be
taken or possessed year-round. Except
for spearfishing gear, all other types of
fishing gear are prohibited to be aboard
the vessel or watercraft (motorized or
non-motorized) while spearfishing for
the purpose of taking or possessing
these species under this provision.

**Subsection (b)(3) of Section 27.65.
Filleting of Fish on Vessels, Title 14,
CCR, is amended to read:**

(b) Fish That May be Filleted: No person
shall fillet on any boat or bring ashore as
fillets any fish, except in accordance with
the following requirements:

...(3) Lingcod. Lingcod fillets must be a
minimum of 14 inches in length. Each fillet
shall bear intact a one-inch square patch
of skin. The minimum size and minimum
fillet size for lingcod may be changed dur-
ing the year or in-season by the depart-
ment under the authority of subsection
27.20(e). The department will provide a
news release notifying the public 10 days
in advance of a change to the minimum
size and minimum fillet size for lingcod
made under the authority of subsection
27.20(e). Anglers and divers are advised
to check the current rules before fishing.
The latest fishing rules may be found on
the department's website at: [www.dfg.
ca.gov/marine](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/marine), or by calling (831) 649-
2801 for recorded information, or by con-
tacting a department office.

**Section 28.26. California Sheephead,
Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:**

(a) Open areas, seasons, and depth con-
straints: See Section 27.20 through Sec-
tion 27.50 for definitions, special closure
areas, and exceptions. Take and posses-
sion is authorized as follows:

(1) Northern Groundfish Management
Area: Open from the second Saturday in
May through October 31, in waters shal-
lower than 20 fathoms.

(2) Mendocino Groundfish Management Area: Open from the second Saturday in May through August 15, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(3) San Francisco Groundfish Management Area: Open June 9, 2011 through December 31, 2011, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms. Beginning in 2012, open June 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms.

(4) Central Groundfish Management Area: Open May 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 40 fathoms.

(5) Southern Groundfish Management Area: Open March 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 60 fathoms.

(6) Cowcod Conservation Areas: Open March 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(b) Limit: Five.

(c) Minimum size: 12 inches total length.

(d) Fishing rules for California sheephead may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). The department will provide a news release notifying the public 10 calendar days in advance of a change for this species made under the authority of subsection 27.20(e) or Section 52.10. Anglers and divers are advised to check the current rules before fishing. The latest fishing rules may be found on the department's website at: www.dfg.ca.gov/marine, or by calling (831) 649-2801 for recorded information, or by contacting a department office.

Section 28.27. Lingcod, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

(a) Open areas, seasons, and depth constraints: See Section 27.20 through Section 27.50 for definitions, special closure areas, and exceptions. Take and possession is authorized as follows:

(1) Northern Groundfish Management Area: Open from the second Saturday in May through October 31, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(2) Mendocino Groundfish Management Area: Open from the second Saturday in May through August 15, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

lower than 20 fathoms.

(3) San Francisco Groundfish Management Area: Open June 9, 2011 through December 31, 2011, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms. Beginning in 2012, open June 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms.

(4) Central Groundfish Management Area: Open May 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 40 fathoms.

(5) Southern Groundfish Management Area: Open March 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 60 fathoms.

(6) Cowcod Conservation Areas: Open March 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(b) Limit: Two.

(c) Minimum size: 22 inches total length.

(d) Method of take: When angling, gear is restricted to not more than two hooks and one line. For purposes of this section, a hook is a single hook, or double or treble hook with multiple points connected to a common shank.

(e) Fishing rules for lingcod may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). The department will provide a news release notifying the public 10 calendar days in advance of a change for this species made under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). Anglers and divers are advised to check the current rules before fishing. The latest fishing rules may be found on the department's website at: www.dfg.ca.gov/marine, or by calling (831) 649-2801 for recorded information, or by contacting a department office.

Section 28.28. Cabezon, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

(a) Open areas, seasons, and depth constraints: See Section 27.20 through Section 27.50 for definitions, special closure areas, and exceptions. Take and possession is authorized as follows:

(1) Northern Groundfish Management Area: Open from the second Saturday in May through October 31, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(2) Mendocino Groundfish Management

Area: Open from the second Saturday in May through August 15, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(3) San Francisco Groundfish Management Area: Open June 9, 2011 through December 31, 2011, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms. Beginning in 2012, open June 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms.

(4) Central Groundfish Management Area: Open May 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 40 fathoms.

(5) Southern Groundfish Management Area: Open March 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 60 fathoms.

(6) Cowcod Conservation Areas: Open March 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(b) Limit: Three fish, within the Rockfish, Cabezon, and Greenling complex (RCG complex, as defined in Section 1.91) bag limit of 10 fish.

(c) Minimum size: 15 inches total length.

(d) Method of take: When angling, gear is restricted to not more than two hooks and one line. For purposes of this section, a hook is a single hook, or double or treble hook with multiple points connected to a common shank.

(e) Fishing rules for cabezon may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e) or Section 52.10. The department will provide a news release notifying the public 10 calendar days in advance of a change for this species made under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). Anglers and divers are advised to check the current rules before fishing. The latest fishing rules may be found on the department's website at: www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/, or by calling (831) 649-2801 for recorded information, or by contacting a department office.

Section 28.29. Kelp Greenling. Rock Greenling, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

(a) Open areas, seasons, and depth constraints for greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos* (including kelp and rock green-

lings): See Section 27.20 through Section 27.50 for definitions, special closure areas, and exceptions. Take and possession is authorized as follows:

(1) Northern Groundfish Management Area: Open from the second Saturday in May through October 31, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(2) Mendocino Groundfish Management Area: Open from the second Saturday in May through August 15, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(3) San Francisco Groundfish Management Area: Open June 9, 2011 through December 31, 2011, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms. Beginning in 2012, open June 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms.

(4) Central Groundfish Management Area: Open May 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 40 fathoms.

(5) Southern Groundfish Management Area: Open March 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 60 fathoms.

(6) Cowcod Conservation Areas: Open March 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(b) Limit: For greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*, two fish within the Rockfish, Cabezon, and Greenling complex (RCG complex, as defined in Section 1.91) bag limit of 10 fish.

(c) Minimum size: 12 inches total length.

(d) Method of take: When angling, gear is restricted to not more than two hooks and one line. For purposes of this section, a hook is a single hook, or double or treble hook with multiple points connected to a common shank.

(e) Fishing rules for greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos* may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e) or Section 52.10. The department will provide a news release notifying the public 10 calendar days in advance of a change for these species made under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). Anglers and divers are advised to check the current rules before fishing. The latest fishing rules may be found on the department's website at:

www.dfg.ca.gov/marine, or by calling (831) 649-2801 for recorded information, or by contacting a department office.

Section 28.48. Pacific Sanddab, Rock Sole, Sand Sole, Butter Sole, Curlfin Sole, Rex Sole, and Flathead Sole, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

Pacific sanddab, rock sole, sand sole, butter sole, curlfin sole, rex sole, and flathead sole are federal groundfish, also known in the aggregate as “other flatfish” pursuant to subsection 1.91(a)(10), and are subject to special regulations as follows. Regulations of this Section do not apply to other species of sanddabs, flounders, or sole.

(a) Open year-round.

(b) Fishing rules for Pacific sanddab, rock sole, sand sole, butter sole, curlfin sole, rex sole, and flathead sole may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). The department will provide a news release notifying the public 10 calendar days in advance of a change for these species made under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). Anglers and divers are advised to check the current rules before fishing. The latest fishing rules may be found on the department’s website at: www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/, or by calling (831) 649-2801 for recorded information, or by contacting a department office.

(c) Limit: There is no limit on Pacific sanddab. The general bag limit of not more than 20 finfish in combination of all species with not more than 10 of any one species applies to rock sole, sand sole, butter sole, curlfin sole, rex sole, and flathead sole.

Section 28.49. Petrale Sole, Starry Flounder, Soupin Shark, Dover Sole, English Sole, Arrowtooth Flounder, Spiny Dogfish, Big Skate, California Skate, Longnose Skate, Ratfish, Rattails, Codlings, Pacific Cod, Pacific Whiting, Sablefish and Thornyheads, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

Petracle sole, starry flounder, soupfin

shark, Dover sole, English sole, arrowtooth flounder, spiny dogfish, big skate, California skate, longnose skate, ratfish, Pacific rattail, finescale codling, Pacific cod, Pacific whiting, sablefish, longspine thornyhead, and shortspine thornyhead are federal groundfish, as defined in subsection 1.91(a), and are subject to special regulations as follows. Regulations of this Section do not apply to other species of flounders, sole, sharks, skates, rattails, or codlings unless otherwise specified.

(a) Open areas, seasons, and depth constraints: See Section 27.20 through Section 27.50 for definitions, special closure areas, and exceptions. Take and possession is authorized as follows:

(1) Northern Groundfish Management Area: Open from the second Saturday in May through October 31, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(2) Mendocino Groundfish Management Area: Open from the second Saturday in May through August 15, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(3) San Francisco Groundfish Management Area: Open June 9, 2011 through December 31, 2011, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms. Beginning in 2012, open June 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms.

(4) Central Groundfish Management Area: Open May 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 40 fathoms.

(5) Southern Groundfish Management Area: Open March 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 60 fathoms.

(6) Cowcod Conservation Areas: Closed.

(b) Fishing rules for Petrale sole, starry flounder, soupfin shark, Dover sole, English sole, arrowtooth flounder, spiny dogfish, big skate, California skate, longnose skate, ratfish, Pacific rattail, finescale codling, Pacific cod, Pacific whiting, sablefish, longspine thornyhead and shortspine thornyhead may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsec-

tion 27.20(e). The department will provide a news release notifying the public 10 calendar days in advance of a change for these species made under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). Anglers and divers are advised to check the current rules before fishing. The latest fishing rules may be found on the department's website at: www.dfg.ca.gov/marine, or by calling (831) 649-2801 for recorded information, or by contacting a department office.

(c) Limit:

(1) There is no limit on Petrale sole or starry flounder.

(2) The limit on soupfin shark is one fish.

(3) The general bag limit of not more than 20 finfish in combination of all species with not more than 10 of any one species applies to Dover sole, English sole, arrowtooth flounder, spiny dogfish, big skate, California skate, longnose skate, ratfish, Pacific rattail, finescale codling, Pacific cod, Pacific whiting, sablefish, longspine thornyhead and shortspine thornyhead.

Section 28.54. California Scorpionfish (Sculpin), Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

(a) Open areas, seasons, and depth constraints: See Section 27.20 through Section 27.50 for definitions, special closure areas, and exceptions. Take and possession is authorized as follows:

(1) Northern Groundfish Management Area: Open from the second Saturday in May through October 31, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(2) Mendocino Groundfish Management Area: Open from the second Saturday in May through August 15, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(3) San Francisco Groundfish Management Area: Open June 9, 2011 through December 31, 2011, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms. Beginning in 2012, open June 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms.

(4) Central Groundfish Management

Area: Open May 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 40 fathoms.

(5) Southern Groundfish Management Area: Open year-round in waters shallower than 60 fathoms.

(6) Cowcod Conservation Areas: Open year-round in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(b) Limit: Five.

(c) Minimum size: 10 inches total length.

(d) Fishing rules for California scorpionfish may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). The department will provide a news release notifying the public 10 calendar days in advance of a change for this species made under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). Anglers and divers are advised to check the current rules before fishing. The latest fishing rules may be found on the department's website at: www.dfg.ca.gov/marine, or by calling (831) 649-2801 for recorded information, or by contacting a department office.

Section 28.55. Rockfish (Sebastes), Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

(a) Open areas, seasons, and depth constraints: See Section 27.20 through Section 27.50 for definitions, special closure areas, and exceptions. Take and possession is authorized as follows:

(1) Northern Groundfish Management Area: Open from the second Saturday in May through October 31, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(2) Mendocino Groundfish Management Area: Open from the second Saturday in May through August 15, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(3) San Francisco Groundfish Management Area: Open June 9, 2011 through December 31, 2011, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms. Beginning in 2012, open June 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms.

(4) Central Groundfish Management Area: Open May 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 40 fathoms.

(5) Southern Groundfish Management Area: Open March 1 through December

31, in waters shallower than 60 fathoms.
(6) Cowcod Conservation Areas: Open March 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms, except that only Nearshore Rockfish, as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(1) may be taken and possessed.

(b) Limit: Ten, within the Rockfish, Cabezon, and Greenling complex (RCG complex, as defined in Section 1.91) limit of 10 fish, in any combination of species, except as provided below.

(1) The limit on bronzespotted rockfish, canary rockfish, cowcod, and yelloweye rockfish is zero. These species shall not be taken or possessed as part of the RCG limit.

(2) The limit on bocaccio rockfish is two fish, within the RCG limit.

(3) In the Cowcod Conservation Areas (see Section 27.50), the limit on bocaccio and other shelf and slope rockfish, as defined in subsections 1.91(a)(3) and 1.91(a)(4), is zero. These species shall not be taken or possessed as part of the RCG limit in the Cowcod Conservation Areas.

(c) Size limit: None, except no bocaccio may be taken or possessed that is less than 10 inches in total length.

(d) Method of take: When angling, gear is restricted to not more than two hooks and one line. For purposes of this section, a hook is a single hook, or a double or treble hook with multiple points connected to a common shank.

(e) Fishing rules for rockfish may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). The department will provide a news release notifying the public 10 calendar days in advance of a change for these species made under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). Anglers and divers are advised to check the current rules before fishing. The latest fishing rules may be found on the department's website at: www.dfg.ca.gov/marine, or by calling (831) 649-2801 for recorded information, or by contacting a department office.

Section 28.56. Leopard Shark, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

(a) Open areas, seasons, and depth constraints: See Section 27.20 through Section 27.50 for definitions, special closure areas, and exceptions. Take and possession is authorized as follows:

(1) Northern Groundfish Management Area: Open from the second Saturday in May through October 31, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms, except that take and possession is authorized year-round in Humboldt Bay.

(2) Mendocino Groundfish Management Area: Open from the second Saturday in May through August 15, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(3) San Francisco Groundfish Management Area: Open June 9, 2011 through December 31, 2011, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms, except that take and possession is authorized year-round in Drake's Estero Bay, Bolinas Bay, Tomales Bay, Bodega Harbor, and San Francisco Bay. Beginning in 2012, open June 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms, except that take and possession is authorized year-round in Drake's Estero Bay, Bolinas Bay, Tomales Bay, Bodega Harbor, and San Francisco Bay.

(4) Central Groundfish Management Area: Open May 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 40 fathoms, except that take and possession is authorized year-round in Elkhorn Slough.

(5) Southern Groundfish Management Area: Open March 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 60 fathoms, except that take and possession is authorized year-round in Newport Bay, Alamitos Bay, Mission Bay, and San Diego Bay.

(6) Cowcod Conservation Areas: Closed.

(b) Limit: three.

(c) Minimum size: 36 inches total length.

(d) Fishing rules for leopard shark may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). The department will pro-

vide a news release notifying the public 10 calendar days in advance of a change for this species made under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). Anglers and divers are advised to check the current rules before fishing. The latest fishing rules may be found on the department's website at: www.dfg.ca.gov/marine, or by calling (831) 649-2801 for recorded information, or by contacting a department office.

Section 28.58. Ocean Whitefish, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

(a) Open areas, seasons, and depth constraints: See Section 27.20 through Section 27.50 for definitions, special closure areas, and exceptions. Take and possession is authorized as follows:

- (1) Northern Groundfish Management Area: Open from the second Saturday in May through October 31, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.
- (2) Mendocino Groundfish Management Area: Open from the second Saturday in May through August 15, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.
- (3) San Francisco Groundfish Management Area: Open June 9, 2011 through December 31, 2011, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms. Beginning in 2012, open June 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms.
- (4) Central Groundfish Management Area: Open May 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 40 fathoms.
- (5) Southern Groundfish Management Area: Open March 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 60 fathoms.
- (6) Cowcod Conservation Areas: Open

March 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(b) Fishing rules for ocean whitefish may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). The department will provide a news release notifying the public 10 calendar days in advance of a change for this species made under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). Anglers and divers are advised to check the current rules before fishing. The latest fishing rules may be found on the department's website at: www.dfg.ca.gov/marine, or by calling (831) 649-2801 for recorded information, or by contacting a department office.

(c) Limit: The general bag limit of not more than 20 finfish in combination of all species with not more than 10 of any one species applies to ocean whitefish.

Subsection (c) of Section 28.65. General, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

Except as provided in this article, fin fish may be taken only on hook and line or by hand. Any number of hooks and lines may be used in all ocean waters and bays except:

...(c) When rockfish (genus *Sebastes*), lingcod (*Ophiodon elongatus*), cabezon (*Scorpaenichthys marmoratus*), or kelp or rock greenlings (*Hexagrammos decagrammus* and *Hexagrammos lagocephalus*) are aboard or in possession, where only one line with not more than two hooks may be used pursuant to sections 28.55, 28.27, 28.28 or 28.29, respectively.

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